(B) Oligocene Prospect

- Acquisition of 3D seismic data in the SW of Ichapur-I for detailed mapping of basal oligocene sands is in progress. Based on the results of these data, future acquisition of 3D seismic data will be planned for proting in oligocene sand bodies. Detailed geochemical survey has been planned in two phases during 1996-97 filed season in contai and Ichapur areas.

- Geoscientific data of the area west of Hinge zone for an area of 2500 kms. along oligocene trend around Hoogley River is being reviewed.

(C) Gondwana Prospect

- Hydrocarbon potential and identification of prospects in Gondwana sediments of contai block is being reviewed.

- Further acquisition of 2D seismic data for confirming the Govindapur closure will be decided after review of the existing 2D data and specific area will be identified.

Employment in Ninth Plan

741. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan envisages the generation of massive avenues of employment in the Non-Farm Sector;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof;

(c) whether the unemployment in the rural sector has not been reduced so far;

(d) whether in the context of the avenues of additional employment generation in agriculture being quite limited, the way in which it is proposed to promote non-farm employment;

(e) whether any assessment has been made at any stage of the avenues of employment in the non-farm sector provided by the Trysem, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna and Special Employment Programme so far; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (d) According to the Planning Commission, the approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Productive employment is an important dimension of the state policy that seeks to achieve growth with equity. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under employment. Improvements in the quality of employment can be achieved only in a situation of rapidly growing productivity to which the labour can lay a just claim. Education and skill development will empower people to take advantage of employment opportunities. Special programmes will be implemented to develop skills, enhance technological levels and provide marketing channels for people engaged in traditional occupations.

Recognising the high incidence of underemployment and increasing casualisation of labour, there is need to enhance employment opportunities for the poor. In this context, the Ninth Plan will seek to implement a National Employment Assurance Scheme.

(a) and (f) The implementation of special employment and poverty alleviation programmes like TRYSEM, JRY and PMRY are being reviewed from time to time and suitable steps are taken to increase the employment opportunities to the targetted people under these programmes. Further, concurrent evaluation of Rural Poverty Alleviation Programmes is also being carried out in all states with a view to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the programmes and appropriate remedial measures are taken from time to time.

[Translation]

Cancellation of Allotment

742. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether flats are being got vacated by DDA from the persons who could not pay their instalments;

(b) if so, whether the government propose to reconsider such cases so that the defaulter could pay the required instalments;

(c) whether any action has been taken in this regard and if so, the details of new instalment scheme; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government on the memorandum, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DDA has reported that on receipt of outstanding dues, the possession of the flat is restored to the allottees;

(c) DDA had earlier announced two Penalty Relief Schemes during 1995 and 1996. The third Hire Purchase Penalty Relief Scheme 1997 is going to be launched with effect from 1.3.97. The brochure containing salient features of this scheme will be available for sale from 1.3.97. This scheme will remain operative up to 31.12.97. Under this scheme relief in penalty upto 43% is available if the defaulting allottee makes the payment of up-to-date

instalments and penalty on or before 30.9.97. For payments made between 1.10.97 to 31.12.97, the relief in penalty would be to the extent of 37%.

(d) The Hire Purchase Penalty Relief Scheme 1997 is going to be introduced as a result of suggestions/ representations received from various sources.

[English]

Oil Wells

743. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil wells and locations thereof in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the quantity and quality of oil explored in such oil wells during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to explore more oil wells and to increase the capacity of existing oil wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The number of oil wells in Tamil Nadu as on 1.2.97 is 67 and their locations are as follows:

Area/Fields	No.of Wells
Adiyakkamangalam	8
Kamalapuram	10
Kovilkalappal	10
Kuttanallur	1
Kizhavalur	1
Mattur	2
Nannilam	4
Narimanam	26
Pundi	1
Thruvarur	4

(b) During the past three years (1.4.93 to 1.4.96) an amount of 14.69 MMt of initial inplace oil has been accreted. The average specific gravity of the produced oil varies between 0.74 to 0.90.

(c) Since most of these fields are limited in extent increase in production from these fields and the oil well thereof, is not envisaged. However, the exploratory efforts to identify new prospects/fields, thereby sustaining/ augmenting the present level of production, are being continued by ONGC.

Presently 3 seismic survey parties and 7 drilling rigs are deployed in Cauvery Onland area. Prospective locales are identified to undertake drilling during the current year.

Supply of Safe Drinking Water

744. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVIN CHANDRA MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new schemes have been evolved to ensure supply of safe drinking water to Greater Mumbai during the Ninth Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated therefor, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra (Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai) has evolved two proposals to ensure supply of safe drinking water for Mumbai city as detailed below:-

(i) IV Bombay Water Supply Project (Mid-Vaitarna) at an estimated cost of Rs.570/- crores envisages to meet increasing demand of water for Mumbai by construction of a dam on Vaitarna river. The project has been examined by this Ministry and found to be technically feasible and the State Government has been requested to seek the clearance of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Central Water Commission and Planning Commission.

(ii) III-A Bombay Water Supply Project at an estimated cost of Rs.662.62 crores envisages to meet the increasing demand of water by drawing 155 mld. of water from Bhatsa dam. The detailed project report is yet to be received from the State Government.

Clearance of JJ Clusters

745 SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "49 jhuggian thin, ab 300 ug aye" appearing in the "Dainik Jagaran" dated November 30, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which the JJ Clusters are likely to be cleared from the Government land and the Government land made available for the purpose they were notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Urban Mapping

746. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities in Madhya Pradesh in which urban mapping work has been undertaken by the National Remote Sensing Agency;